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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, PK

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE BHUTTO VISIT

1. DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE YOUR 28 FROM RIYADH(SECTO 93)
ON THE SUBJECT OF A POSSIBLE BHUTTO VISIT TO WASHINGTON.
THE UNDERSTANDING AND WARMTH OF YOUR REPLY IS CERTAIN
TO BE APPRECIATED BY BHUTTO JUST NOW AS HE PREPARES
TO HEAD FOR MOSCOW AND AS YOU ARE BILLED BIG INTO INDIA
JUST THEREAFTER. UNFORTUNATELY, I COULD NOT GIVE IT TO
BHUTTO DIRECTLY AS HE HAS BEEN DOING HIS OWN SHUTTLE
DIPLOMACY WITHIN THE PROVINCES AND IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE
HE WILL RETURN TO THE CAPITOL UNTIL AFTER HIS VISIT TO
MOSCOW. AGHA SHAHI WAS HIGHLY PLEASED BY YOUR RESPONSE
AND SENT IT OFF BY COURIER TO BHUTTO IN THE SIND WHERE
HE WENT FROM BALUCHISTAN.

2. WE WILL SHORTLY BE SENDING YOUR STAFF OUR SUGGESTIONS
FOR A POSSIBLE COMMUNIQUE HERE. UNFORTUNATELY, IT WILL
NOT BE VERY SEXY AS WE TRY TO STICK WITHIN WHAT WE THINK
IS THE REALM OF THE POSSIBLE. I BELIEVE WE CAN STILL
COME OUT REASONABLY WELL, HOWEVER, IF YOU COULD BE IN
A POSITION WHILE HERE TO COVER THE SUBJECT OF A BHUTTO
VISIT IN A JOINT STATEMENT, AS THIS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY
BE THE HEADLINE ITEM. FOR YOUR PURPOSES BEFORE YOU
LEAVE WASHINGTON, I WOULD SUGGEST SOMETHING ALONG THE

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FOLLOWING LINES;

" DURING THEIR PRIVATE TALKS SECRETARY KISSINGER
DELIVERED AN INVITATION TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO
FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO VISIT WITH HIM IN WASHINGTON
AT AN EARLY DATE. THE PRIME MINISTER ACCEPTED
THE INVITATION WITH PLEASURE, AND IT WAS AGREED
THAT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE FOR THE VISIT
WOULD BE AGREED UPON THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC
CHANNELS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES".
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